

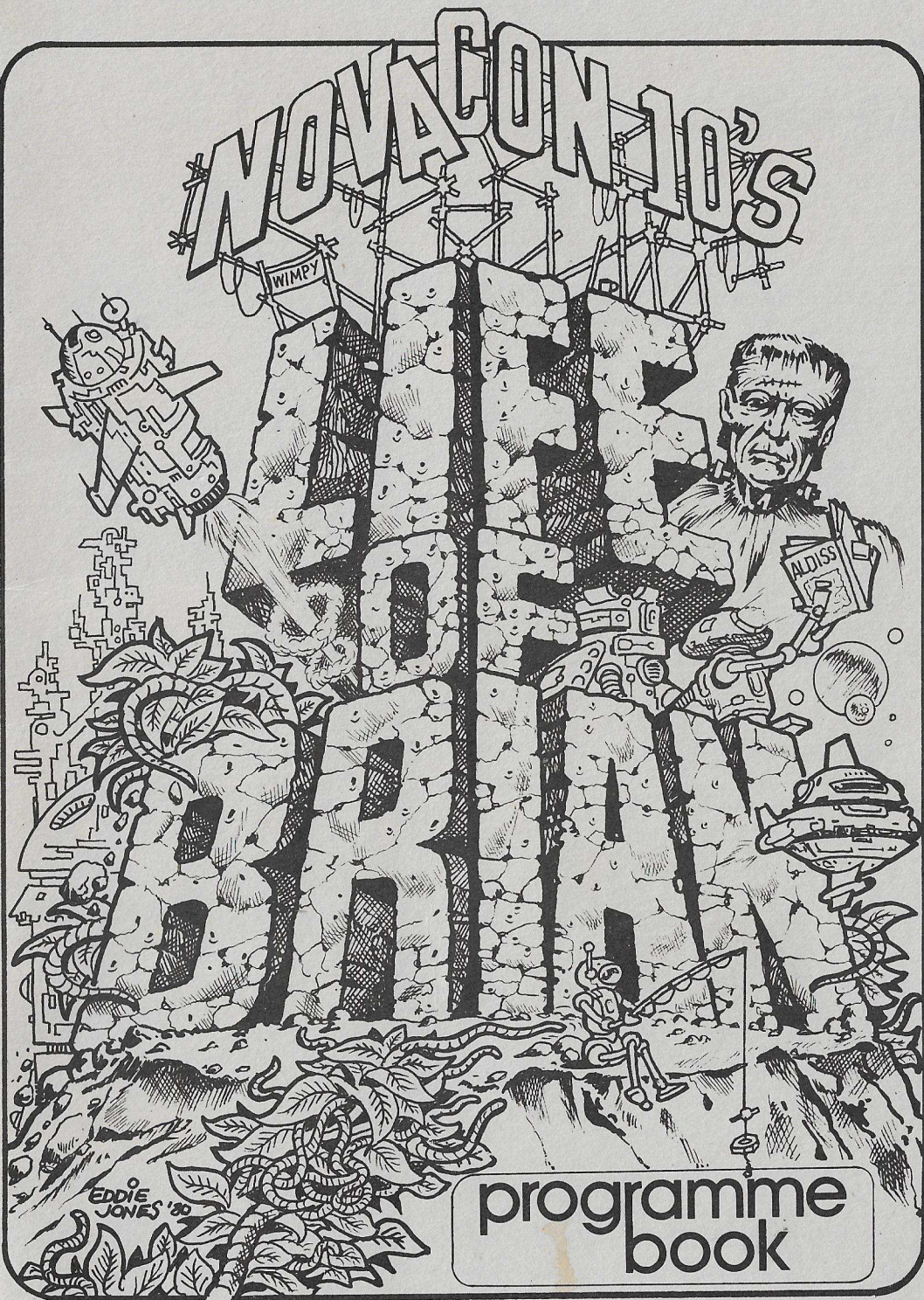
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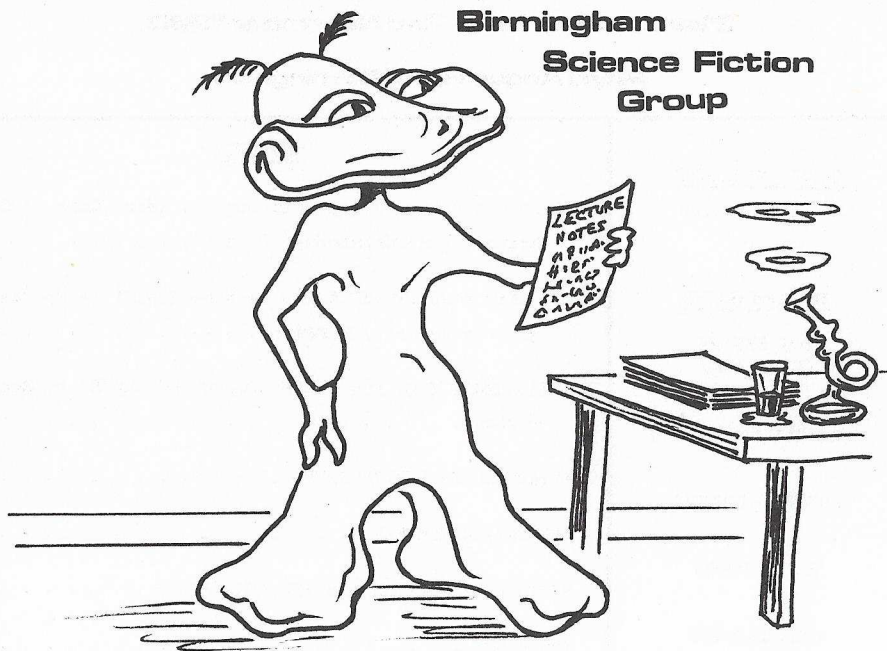
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First of all, the biographical data: Brian Aldiss was born in 1925, educated at private schools, and served in the Royal Corps of Signals in Burma during World War II. After demobilisation in 1948 he went to work as an assistant in an Oxford bookshop, and began his writing career with sketches in *THE BOOKSELLER*; these were later collected in his first book, *THE BRIGHTFOUNT DIARIES*, in 1955.

By that time he'd made his science fiction debut with "Criminal Record" in *SCIENCE FANTASY* No 9; he followed this with many more excellent stories and in 1959 received a plaque from the World SF Convention as Best New Author. In 1962 he won a Hugo for the stories collected in *HOTHOUSE*, and in 1966 his novella "The Saliva Tree" won a Nebula Award.

He's won other awards since, for both his fiction and his SF criticism, but I've always felt he was cruelly shortchanged when his novel *GREYBEARD* (1964) wasn't even nominated for awards: I think it may be the finest SF novel I've read. I wrote a fairly long review of it for a fanzine when it appeared, and this occasioned the first direct contact between me and Aldiss: he wrote me a nice letter, saying, "Yours was the most thorough and intelligent review I have seen from America. I might have been writing it to you." (Which didn't constitute as much mutual back-patting as I've made it sound: I had included a few cavils in my review.)

I met Brian not long after that, when he was the Guest of Honour at the 1965 World SF Convention, in London. I'd won the TransAtlantic Fan Fund that year and thus was the Fan Guest of Honour; at the banquet, I was seated next to Brian and Margaret Aldiss. I was to give a short speech, and since this was my first I was slightly terrified. I may have eaten some of the meal, but if so I don't remember.

Brian and Margaret certainly noticed my condition, and they were wonderful to me. They engaged me in light chitchat to calm me, told me nothing dreadful would result even if I messed up my speech horribly; and they were right, because I did give a terrible presentation and no-one seemed to mind. Most people said tactfully that they hadn't been able to hear me because of microphone problems - but Brian had little trouble with the mike when he gave his speech, which of course was terrific. He saved the day, in fact, speaking with both wit and insight.

Later during that convention, I had the opportunity to see Brian Wilson Aldiss in less formal surroundings. There was a party in Judy Merrill's room the last night of the convention, and all the big name writers were there. Harry Harrison was rather taken with the wallpaper, which depicted Victorian ladies at lawn parties; he went round with a red felt-tip pen dotting in nipples. Judy

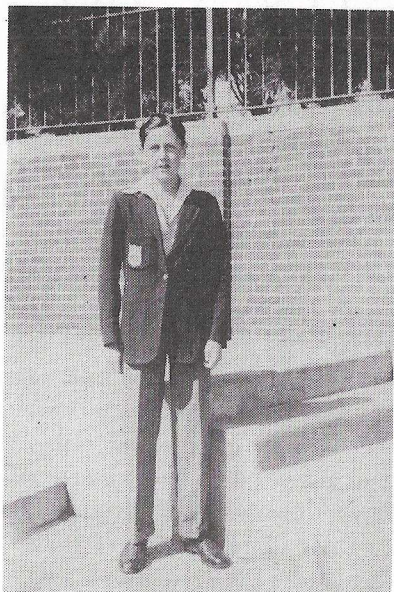
confessed that she was nervous because she was to go up to meet J G Ballard the next day and she wasn't sure how to pronounce his name: "Is the accent on the first syllable or the second?" Brian was helpful as only he can be; he said, "Oh, don't worry about Jimmy Ballard. If there's anyone whose name is easy to pronounce, it's Jimmy Ballard," and so on through Baylard, Buhlard, Ballerd, etc. Judy ended up shaking her head in resignation, saying, "I guess I'll just call him Jim."

Brian's playfulness is unending; you can see it in his writing too. Many of his stories during the 'new wave' period were praised or condemned for what critics took to be 'experimental' writing, but when we read them in calmer times we can see that much of what was considered strange then was simply word-play, punnery and the like. His novel BAREFOOT IN THE HEAD, about the aftermath of a war fought with psychedelic weapons, is just one example.

I don't mean to suggest that he's dilettantish in any sense. Rather, like any writer who truly knows and understands the English language, he likes to play with it for effect; and even his punnery has served the purpose of pointing out dark undertones in the situation described. In this sense Brian Aldiss is a Total Writer.

He's precisely that in most anyway, in fact. I've mentioned already that his writing includes not only science fiction but also nonfiction sketches about bookselling; add the authorship of 'mainstream' novels such as THE HAND-REARED BOY and A SOLDIER ERECT, plus nonfiction works about his travels and perspective criticism of science fiction. BILLION-YEAR SPREE, published in 1973, remains the best history of science fiction ever published. Brian has also edited two or three dozen excellent anthologies of science fiction, and.....

Why should I go on? Brian Aldiss has done so much, so well, that he's been chosen as the Guest of Honour at this convention. You know his works already; and you'll have a chance to get to know him more personally during the convention. You have a great treat coming.



BRIAN ALDISS about 1935

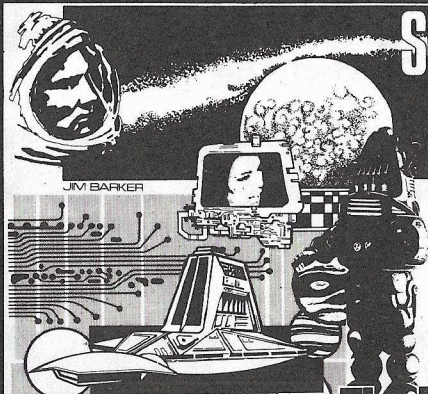
Terry Carr

J G Ballard

I'm delighted to learn that Brian is the Guest of Honour at your convention - though I was under the impression that Brian was the Guest of Honour at every convention! And quite right too - having known him now for something like 25 years I can say that there is no-one who is a better ambassador for science fiction. Highly intelligent and articulate, always sensible and modest in his claims for SF, he's also one of its last great writers, one of an ever rarer breed which ought to be declared an endangered species. Above all, Brian has an enormous and generous affection for the fans - in all the years we've known each other I've never heard him refer to SF fans with anything other than great warmth. (But then I gather things have changed - I imagine today's fans dressed in white silk suits and hopped up on psycholinguistics, rolling up to the Royal Angus Hotel in their BMWs. Among other things that have changed, as I know Brian will confirm, is the size of their purses - a single room for the night during this convention costs more than Brian and I were paid back in the late 50s for most of the short stories we sold to NEW WORLDS and SCIENCE FANTASY.)

Ah well. Meanwhile, I'm happy to leave the convention in the good hands of Brian Aldiss; great heart, wise, witty and good companion, the best man in the world to spend an evening with in a bar on Copacabana Beach, or even, just conceivably, at the Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham.

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I had never even heard of science fiction conventions until Brian Aldiss wrote me a letter describing them. This was not an unsolicited letter; it was replying to one of mine in which I had been enquiring about how to join the BSFA. This exchange of letters, I ought to point out, took place in the summer of 1962, and like everyone else at the time he and I were eighteen years younger. Never since have we had such an intent correspondence! After threatening me with Ella Parker's address, Brian went on to tell me about the 'yearly' conventions (you can tell how long ago all this was, in fannish terms), urged me to attend the next one over Easter 1963, and encouraged me to go up and introduce myself to him. In all it was a decent, friendly letter, and because it came from an admired author it made this rather neurotic teenager glow with pride and pleasure for several days. It is not by accident that the letter survives, and is still the very first item in my files.

Anyway, the months passed and I neglected to take him up on his invitation. I was far too nervous and neurotic in 1963 to plunge into the world of SF fandom. By 1964 I had braced myself, and dived in at Peterborough, but



BRIAN ALDISS, KINGSLEY AMIS & EDMUND CRISPIN - PETERBOROUGH 1963

Brian was not present that year. (He had gone to Yugoslavia, his career beginning to diversify.) It wasn't until 1965 that we were finally in the same place together: the Midland Hotel in Birmingham, for BRUMCON 2. The years had taken their toll on me, though, because by this time I had grown up into a faintly nasty kind of fan, much more sure of myself, quick to opinions, busy publishing fanzines and going to fan gatherings and conducting fan feuds, but harbouring darkly secret plans to become a writer. To cover up this last failing I maintained a well rehearsed sneery expression whenever pro writers were in view. I had found out a lot more about Mister Brian Bloody Aldiss by then: my opinion was that he was conceited, dismissive of fans, impossible to talk to and particularly cruel to young would-be writers. He withered under the arid blast of my sneer for a day and a half, then came up to me, grinning all over his smart-aleck face. "Hi! Didn't you write me that extremely intelligent letter? Good to meet you at last! Come and have a drink!" It was love: blushing and stuttering I followed him into the bar, praying that in addition to his myriad other talents he wasn't also a mind reader.



LANCE CORPORAL ALDISS
ROYAL SIGNALS 1946

I don't suppose Brian will be grateful now for being reminded of events that took place fifteen years ago. Much has changed in the meantime; for him, for me, for fandom even. Take conventions. BRUMCON 2 was reckoned in its day to be a big convention: 150 people jammed the corridors! This unprecedented overcrowding was anxiously observed by the convention organisers; in one of the progress reports, Chairman Ken Cheslin looked back to an earlier con, and remembered that "their was scarce fourty" people in attendance. Literacy too has been galloping forward since then...

these days if we back the wrong English we don't at least go for a four-horse accumulator, like Cheslin did. 1965 was the year in which science fiction itself took on a new literacy (and literariness). This was the New Wave, of which Brian Aldiss's work was a fundamental part. Influential times, those, for young fans with a nasty streak and a fading sneer, although perhaps a better word would be 'inspirational'. Many British writers I've talked to since about Brian's work have acknowledged a debt to what he has done. They, like me, remember NON-STOP as being, in its day, something of a breakthrough for British SF; later, it often seemed as if the New Wave had been created merely to form the right ambience for the work he was doing in the '60s; later still, Brian was amongst the first of a

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growing number of writers to feel restless in the cramped corridors of the SF category. Something else about Brian's work is that it is very English (although he wriggles a bit on this hook, and mutters about internationalism). To many British writers, wondering whether they should watch more American movies to get the slang off right, it was a lesson well learnt that coming to terms with one's native culture is a first step towards finding an individual voice.

His writing is of the best, but you don't need me to tell you that. What perhaps I do need to say (because it can't be said too often) is that Aldiss is one of those writers who is not content to do the same thing over and over again. Nor does he follow popular trends. You won't find any damned dragons in an Aldiss novel, and not too many clones or supermen or feminist mouthpieces, either. A few years ago, writing about his own work, Aldiss said: "I burn down undergrowth, cultivate a strip of land, and then move on elsewhere - preferably to somewhere not too overcrowded." No concessions to the concensus, you see. Individualism dominates the creative instinct, and its not the way to instant popularity. Aldiss knows this very well, acknowledges that he has a smallish band of loyal and discriminating readers, and respects them for it. In the same article, he said of his readers: "I feel more kindly towards them than towards writers; indeed, with them I have established some sort of relationship, an illusion I nourish the more warmly since it is not easy to sustain relationships.

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Because of this I like to joke with my readers and amuse them, while poking up a gruesome death's head now and again for their edification." That's Brian Aldiss: austerity mitigated by jollity, and a nice sense of the surprising.

SF conventions are times when the jollity can come to the fore, when we can all let our hair down a little. We haven't seen Brian at too many conventions in the last decade or so; this is fandom's loss, in my view, because when he is in the mood, Brian can play the giddy goat better than almost anyone. It's good to see him made Guest of Honour at a small and quintessentially British con (the first time ever, I'm reliably informed; Worldcons don't count). For one thing it ensures he'll be here, and he'll know we all love him, and there are no SFWA heavies here, and none from the KGB either, and there's no Hugo ceremony, and no Jacqueline Lichtenberg fans, and so we can all relax and tell scurrilous stories about everyone else and remember those times, fifteen years ago, when Charles Platt was locked in a wardrobe, Mike Moorcock sold an empty whiskey bottle to Pete Weston, Rog Peyton could still look down and see his toes, and a meat pie rose from humble origins to become a fannish legend.

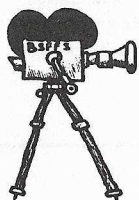
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Have a good con, drink what you want to, and vote in GUFF.

((A programme book for a convention having Brian Aldiss as Guest of Honour would be lacking something if it did not include a contribution from the Birmingham SF Group's other Honorary President....))

OH, WHAT A JOY TO BE A FAN IN BRUM TODAY!

Harry Harrison

Heady pleasure, that's what it is. You lucky fen have none of the worries that used to bother stoneage fandom, none of the troubles of fanac that troubled us in those primitive days when one had to paw through the debris of crumbling Yank mags in Woolies, then totter off to fan club meetings in draughty jakes. Today, Brumfandom meets in palatial halls, where drink flows freely. And every autumn there is an opulent NOVACON. And now, in this anniversary year, you are lucky enough to be attending the grandest of NOVACONS, NOVACON 10. Not to mention your pleasure at having the Grandest Guest of Honour, your own Honorary President, Brian W Aldiss.

Only the pressure of work and deadlines is keeping me from attending. So I must put onto paper the words I should be speaking to you all at this present moment.

It is hard to know where to begin. Perhaps at the beginning. Yes, that's a good idea. Birth. It so happens that Brian and I have exactly the same birthday. Coincidence, you ask? Hardly. We were born on the same day in the same year, just minutes apart. This happened because we are identical twins. Separated at birth by a tragic circumstance too horrifying to mention here. Suffice to say that he was whisked off to the Norfolk Broads to be raised, healthy and nut brown, among the fens and farms. While I was taken against my will across the ocean to the City of New York in the United States of America. This geological separation explains the differences in our appearances. Brian grew tall on his healthy diet there. His hair grew long - and he kept it - because of the beneficial rain. His nose expanded through constantly sniffing the game among the rushes. How lucky! I was growing up in New York at the same time, but my growth was stunted by the industrial smog. My nose grew tiny and withered from inhaling this vile substance, while my hair turned white from the polluted rain and most of it fell out. There you have it the truth at last!

Although diet and environment changed our physical appearance, nothing could change our genes. So, although separated by thousands of miles, our lives ran along identical paths. We both shared the mutated SF gene, which causes

irreversible biological changes. Instead of leading the sort of life that most small boys do; eating, drinking, wanking (you know the sort of thing), we found our time completely devoted to fanac. We lived and breathed science fiction. While I was producing a crudzine titled ZWILNIKS SUCK!, Brian was editing his COLLECTED POEMS OF SERGEANT SATURN. What a joy to be alive in those heady First Fandom days!

There is little else to be added to this story of our meteoric rise in the world of publishing. All good fans want to be authors when they grow up. And some fen, the few who grow up, do reach that pinnacle of success. While I was writing my first novel in New York, DEATHWORLD SUCKS!, Brian was in Wells-next-to-Sea composing his NON-STOP RULES, OK. After that there was no stopping us or looking back. Today he is putting the finishing touches to THE HAND-REARED OLD-AGE PENSIONER while I have just typed Fin on DEATHWORLD 69.

But forget history! You have not come to this convention to listen to the ramblings of a senile SF writer. You have come for the important fannish reasons of drinking and bird-chasing. But indulge me for a minute more as I close on a serious note. You might have had Harlan Ellison as GoH, or even Jules Verne or Perry Rhodan. But no, you have settled only for the best. You have Aldiss and you have genius in your midst. Sit at his knee and absorb his wit and wisdom. Buy his books and make him rich. Buy him drinks. You are in

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It's Almost Time for ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK Rog Peyton

This is traditionally the place where the Con Chairman welcomes the attendees and attempts to make a few fannish witticisms. This is draft No.10 and I still can't think of anything that seems appropriate. Maybe the fact that BBC TV are showing ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK this afternoon followed tomorrow by the classic rock & roll film THE GIRL CAN'T HELP IT and the best of the Presley movies, LOVING YOU, has something to do with it - I keep looking at the clock... only 5 hours to go...only 4 hours 58 minutes to go...and so on. Absolute heaven, of course, to an aging rocker like myself...all those great names, their great performances at the peak of their careers, preserved on film...Haley, Presley, Little Richard, Eddie Cochran and the fantastic Gene Vincent & the Blue Caps. But...I must concentrate on the task at hand. The programme book must go to be printed in just under 48 hours time...

First off, the committee. Once again I've had an excellent committee who have really worked. Just in case you're not sure who they are...

Krystyna ~~Bula~~ Oborn - her first contact with fandom was attending a STAR TREK convention where she was coerced into participating in the fashion show. Half way through her spot on stage, the bottom half of her costume disintegrated... People she met at STAR TREK cons advised her to go to 'real' SF cons, so she did. This was MANCON! Undaunted, she attended NOVACON and has not missed one since. This is her first time serving on a con-committee.

Joseph Nicholas - the original Surrey Limpwrist - first entered fandom in 1974 and has since become something of a fixture. He is currently Reviews Editor of the BSFA's serconzine VECTOR and is one of this year's GUFF candidates. Joe, also, is serving on his first con-committee. He can be easily identified by his shoulder bag, flowing crepe scarf and unhealthy alcoholic pallor.

Keith Oborn is also easily identifiable - if you see something tall in jeans and chunky sweater with a ginger mop sticking out of the top, it's Keith. His red hair and beard give him the appearance of a beatnik viking. He served on the committee for SKYCON and was used to scare off the security guards.

Paul Oldroyd, on the other hand, is extremely quiet. Tall, fair and usually drunk. He served on the committee for NOVACON 9 (operating from Worcester) where he was responsible for the films. He then moved to Leeds. But we caught him and 'persuaded' him to choose the films again this year. He came up with SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS.

Chris Walton would appear, at first glance, to be the same member of the committee - but start talking to him and he'll readily admit that he enjoys playing those silly war games. Despite this warped side of his character he has

served on the main Brum Group committee as Treasurer. He was also on the committee for NOVACON 8 and this year is trying to make up for it.

A crazy lot, but dedicated - Krystyna and Keith even broke their honeymoon to attend the final committee meeting! My thanks to all of you. And thank you to everyone else who has participated in any way, at all to the organisation of this convention.

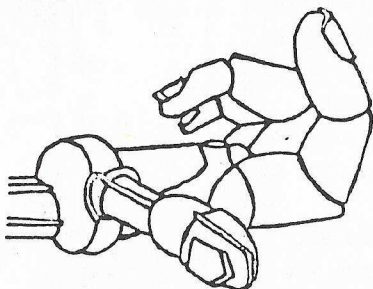
I'm particularly pleased to be chairing this NOVACON because it has corrected one of the great injustices of British fandom. Brian Aldiss is, at last, Guest of Honour at a British convention. Those who were at conventions in the late 60s, when Brian attended regularly, will remember how his very presence was a great boost to the con. Now we're very happy to have him as our Guest of Honour at this, the tenth anniversary NOVACON. If you're attending you're first con, or haven't met Brian before, you're in for a treat. Go and meet him, buy him a drink...but you'll have to join the queue first!

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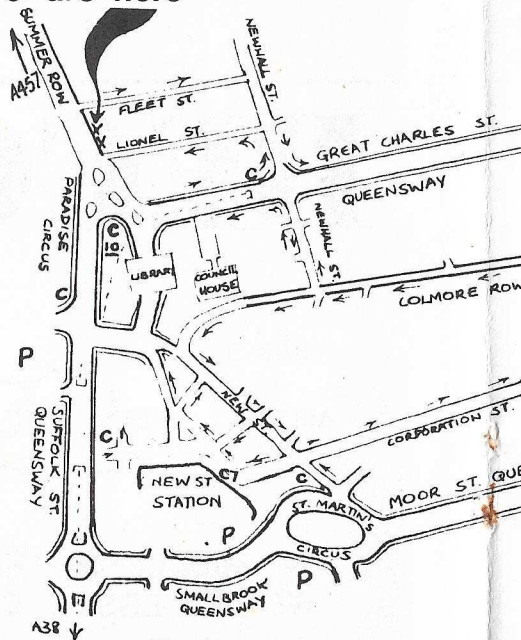
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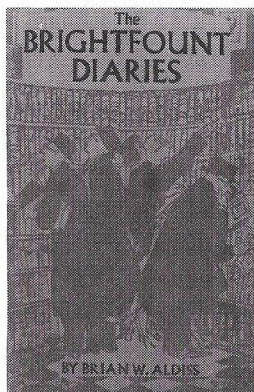
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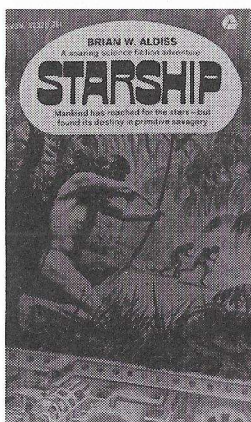
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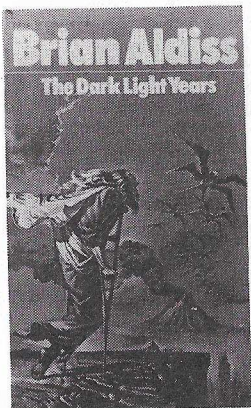
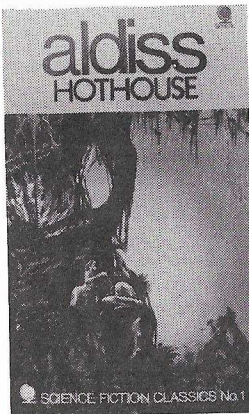
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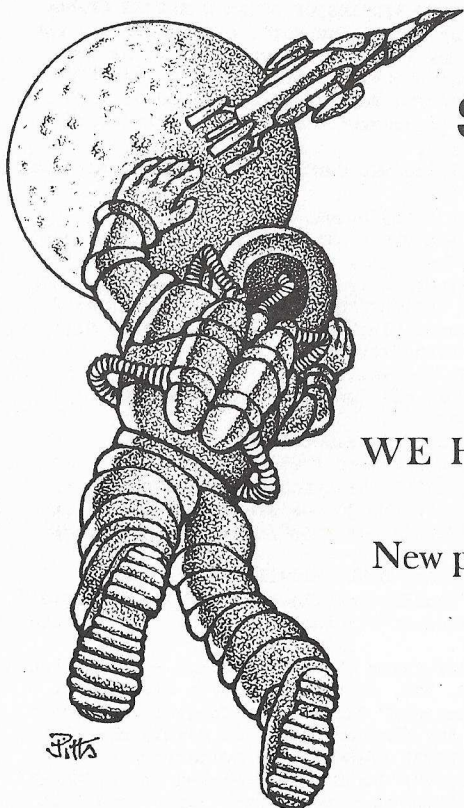
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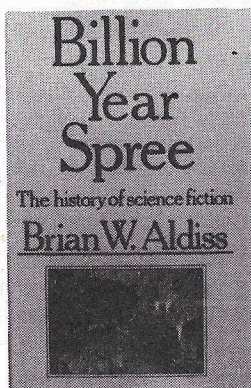
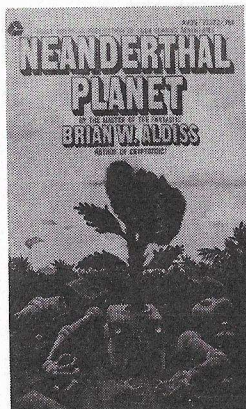
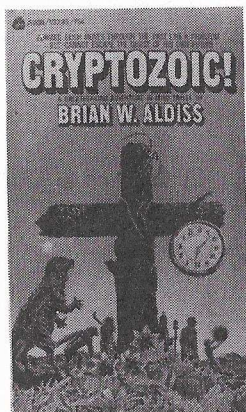
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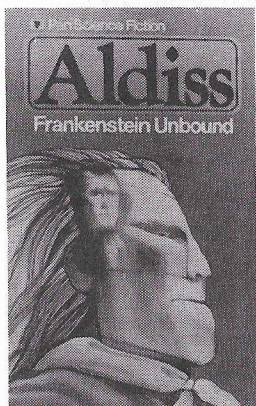
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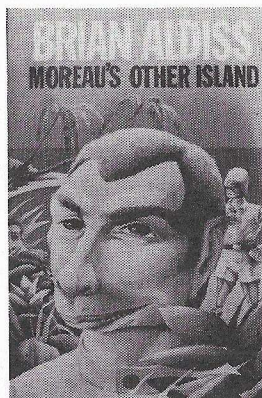
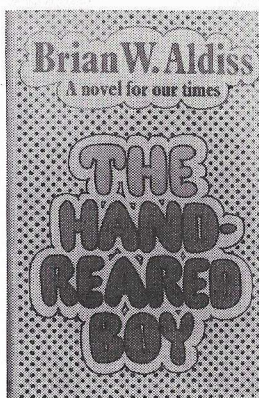
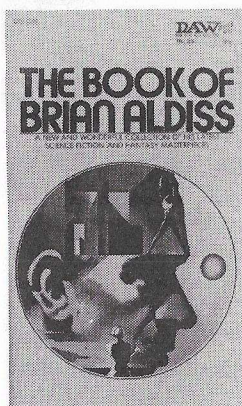
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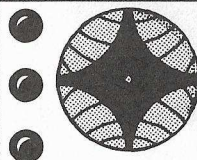
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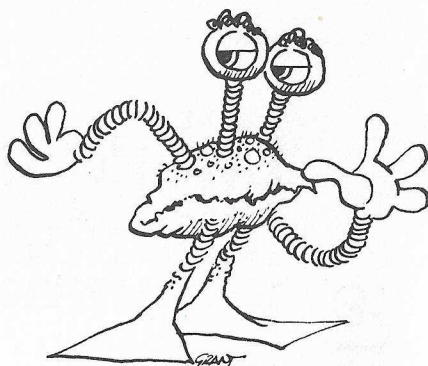
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Try to look less perturbed than Grant Canfield's beastie on the right. This is very simple: a free transatlantic trip could be yours! All you need do is sit down with a refreshing drink and answer these easy-to-read questions:—

(1) What does TAFF stand for? (If you didn't know the answer to be 'TransAtlantic Fan Fund', you do now.) (2) Arrange in this order the past TAFF delegates from both sides of the Atlantic: Vinç Clarke '54*, Ken Bulmer '55, Lee Hoffmann '56*, Bob Madle '57, Ron Bennett '58, Don Ford '59, Eric Bentcliffe '60, Ron Ellik '61, Ethel Lindsay '62, Wally Weber '63, Arthur Thomson '64, Terry Carr '65, Thomas Schluck '66, Steve Stiles '68, Eddie Jones '69, Elliot Shorter '70, Mario Bosnyak '71, Len & June Moffat '73, Peter Weston '74, Roy Tackett & Bill Bowers* (tie) '76, Peter Roberts '77, Terry Hughes '79, Dave Langford '80. (Starred fans didn't actually make the trip.) (3) Are you a well-known fan? (If so, pass on to (4). Otherwise, help run several conventions; produce several fanzines and send some copies abroad; do something to help raise funds for TAFF and its Australian counterpart GUFF. Do these things for long enough and surely you will be a well-known fan.) (4) As a well-known fan, can you think of a few dozen fans here and in the USA who've been around for a couple of years at least, and who'd pay money for the privilege of voting you your free trip? (This is the core of it all. You'll be opposed by other TAFF candidates, whose supporters will be making donations and casting votes for their preferred choice. This friendly rivalry is a major source of TAFF funds.) (5) Can you bear to wait until 1982 for the next UK+USA trip? (While you're waiting, do support the current race, which will bring a popular US fan to Yorcon II next Easter: the candidates are Gary Farber and Stu Shiffman.) (6) Are you prepared to donate a few pounds as 'bond', to promise that if elected TAFF delegate you'll attend the US convention (it'll be the Chicago Worldcon in '82), to administrate the fund for a year or two until the next UK winner takes over, and, if you can, to write a report on your TAFF trip to enlighten future generations? (If not, why not?) (7) Complete this sentence: 'TAFF exists because...' (A difficult one. TAFF is not a charity, although it can help popular fans who might otherwise be unable to make the trip. Nor is it a lottery handing out random transatlantic jaunts, as is obvious from the above. A correct completion of the sentence would mention the value of 'hands-across-the-sea' contact with US fandom, and of this accolade for our fannish notables. Try to do it in less than five words.)

HINTS: Support TAFF now—the fund needs donations. Think of new fund-raising gimmicks, and tell the administrators, as below. Donations need not take the form of money; auction material of great value is always welcome. Ask about the US candidates in the current race; take sides, support your favourite, help him towards victory. Buy the celebrated fundraising fanzine *TAFF-Ddu* (which has the Chris Priest Seal of Approval, only we're not supposed to say so): 75p post free. Ask the administrators about other amazing TAFF publications. Get voting forms/infosheets from either administrator; better still, make and distribute more copies yourself. Work fast for the '81 race—voting closes December 1 1980! All you need now are the addresses of the administrators:—

UK: Dave Langford, 22 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 7PW

US: Terry Hughes, 6205 Wilson Blvd (Apt 102), Falls Church, VA 22044, USA

And that's how to qualify for a free trip to an American worldcon. Give it a try—or at least donate and vote to ensure worthy fans continue to receive this honour.

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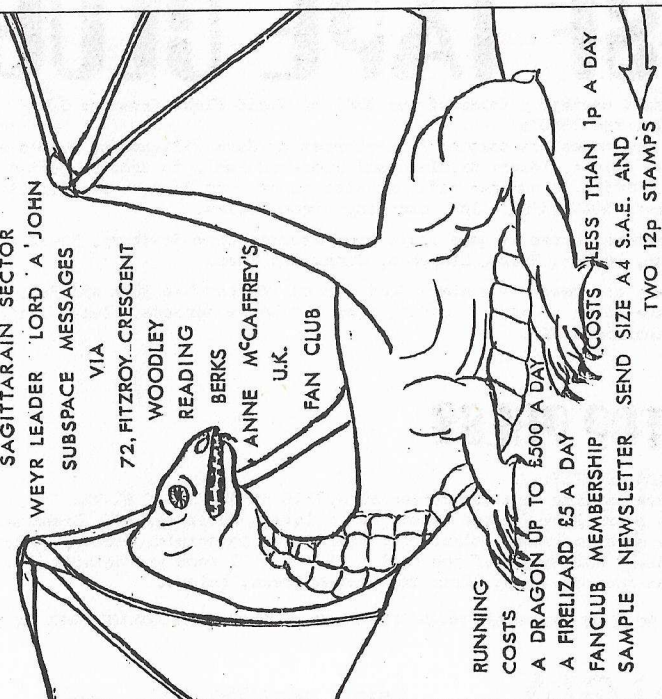
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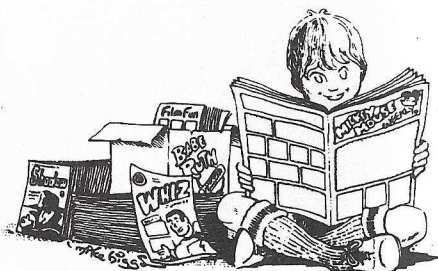
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6	Royal Angus	Dave Kyle	Stan Eling	317
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(Committee: Liese Hoare, Martin Hoare, Ian Maule, Janice Maule, Dave Langford)				
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(Committee: Helen Eling, Stan Eling, Chris Morgan, Pauline Morgan, Paul Oldroyd)				
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(Committee: Joseph Nicholas, Keith Oborn, Krystyna Oborn, Paul Oldroyd, Chris Walton)				

* This figure taken from Con Members listed in Programme Book

The NOVA Award

The NOVA Award is presented annually by the Birmingham SF Group to the editor of the fanzine voted 'Best of the Year'. The Award was started in 1973 by the late Gillon Field and past winners are:-

- 1973 Peter Weston for SPECULATION
- 1974 (tie) John Brosnan for BIG SCAB and Lisa Conesa for ZIMRI
- 1975 Rob Jackson for MAYA
- 1976 Rob Jackson for MAYA
- 1977 Dave Langford for TWLL-DDU
- 1978 Alan Dorey for GROSS ENCOUNTERS
- 1979 Simone Walsh for SEAMONSTERS
- 1980 ?

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PROGRAMME

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"HOW DO WE SELL
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LOVING PUBLIC?"

ALL CONVENTION ITEMS WILL BE HELD IN THE CON HALL - THE WROXTON SUITE.

FRIDAY

- 8.45pm Opening Ceremony - the convention Chairman introduces the Guest of Honour, Brian Aldiss, and the committee responsible for this Con.
- 9.00pm The NOVACON Chat Show. The delicious Eve Harvey returns to chat in a relaxed atmosphere to three guests.
- 10.00pm The Friday Film Show.
- (1) RELATIVITY. The Ed Emshwiller (Yes...Ed Emsh the SF cover artist) underground classic rescued from obscurity following its one and only convention showing at Bristol in 1966. (38mins)
 - (2) WIZARDS. The superb animated film made by Ralph Bakshi as a dry run before embarking on THE LORD OF THE RINGS. (80mins)
 - (3) SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS. Voted one of the fifty worst films of all time. Martians kidnap Santa Claus and put him to work in a toy factory. (80mins)

SATURDAY

- 10.00am Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. 8 teams entered this year and 4 have been eliminated in a postal contest. First of the semi-finals. Quizmaster is Chris Morgan who has also set the questions.
- 10.45pm Tom Shippey, science fiction critic for THE GUARDIAN and the man who sets the questions for MASTERMIND, gives a talk on a special subject.
- 11.45am Coffee/Tea break.
- 12.00 "This House believes that the fragmentation of SF fandom is both inevitable and desirable." A debate under formal debating rules. Speaking for the motion are Alan Dorey and Paul Kincaid; speaking against the motion are Kevin Smith and Malcolm Edwards. Chairman will be Tim Stannard.
- 1.00pm Lunch break.
- 2.30pm Speech by our Guest of Honour, Brian W Aldiss.

- 3.30pm The Phil Strick Moving Picture Show. A welcome return by Philip Strick with another selection of rare, scarce and interesting film footage.
- 4.45pm Coffee/Tea break.
- 5.00pm "How do we Sell Good SF to a DALLAS-loving Public?" A panel discussion chaired by Joseph Nicholas.
- 6.00pm The Book Auction, conducted by Rog Peyton. Come! See old Badger books auctioned page by page!
- 7.00pm Dinner break.
- 10.00pm The Fancy Dress Disco. Your chance to dance to the merry music provided by ex-BSFA Secretary, dj Graham Bullock. Spot prizes will be given for those in fancy dress.

SUNDAY

- 10.30am Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. 2nd Semi-final.
- 11.15am Coffee/Tea break.
- 11.30am "Aliens!" - no, not your chance to play Space Invaders once again but the title of a witty and intellectual talk by Birmingham's answer to Isaac Asimov, the one and only Jack Cohen.
- 1.00pm Lunch break.
- 2.30pm "What I did in America". A talk by the 1980 winner of the TransAtlantic Fan Fund, Dave Langford. Hear what really happened at NOREASCON II in Boston this summer.
- 3.30pm Art Auction, conducted by Rog Peyton. Science fiction and fantasy art originals going for cheap (and not-so-cheap) prices.
- 4.30pm Coffee/Tea break.
- 4.45pm Film: FIGURES IN A LANDSCAPE. Two men are chased across the countryside by a helicopter. (110mins) ("Rilly triffic" - Joe Nicholas)

6.45pm Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. The Grand Final - can The Surrey Limpwrist win again? Can they even reach the final? Will they even get through the postal eliminating round?

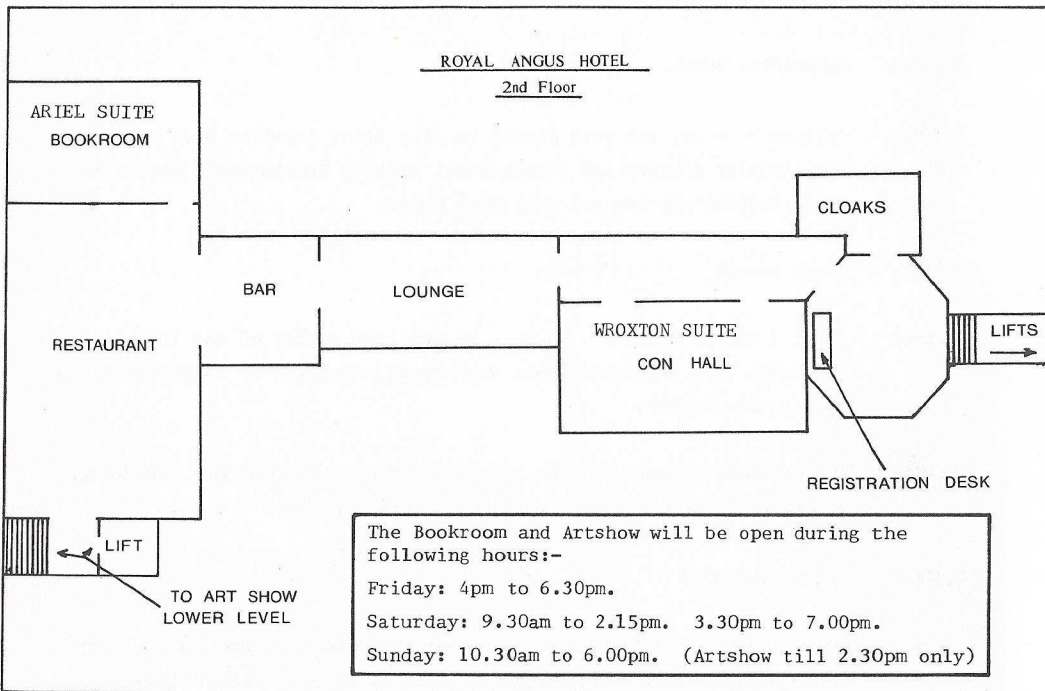
7.30pm Dinner break.

9.30pm Closing Ceremony. Presentation of the NOVA Award, Art Awards and SF 'University Challenge' prize. Announcement for NOVACON 11.

followed by

Film: DEATHRACE 2000. The 1975 film starring David 'Kung Fu' Carradine. Involves a car race across America, the object to kill as many pedestrians as possible in the process. (79mins)

Just a reminder that the Hotel will be providing snack meals at 7.30 to 8.30pm on Friday; 1.00 to 2.00pm and 6.30 to 7.30pm on Saturday; and 1.00 to 2.00pm and 6.30 to 7.30pm on Sunday. In addition, snacks will also be served at midnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (Note: we will probably have a break between WIZARDS and SANTA CLAUS on Friday night to enable people to have their midnight snacks).



Michael Vyse

OVERWORLD

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